

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments.

Claim 19 is amended to correct a minor typographical error. Applicants do not believe the amendment introduces any new matter.

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over Alt et al. ("Alt I"), US 6,767,360.

Claims 11, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over Alt I and further in view of Alt et al. ("Alt II"), US 6,387,121.

Claims 1-4 rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over Pacetti et al. ("Pacetti"), US 6,845,259, in view of Alt I.

In response to all three rejections, Applicants continue to submit that Alt is not prior art. Applicants have located some pieces of evidence, and are continuing to search for more, and all of the evidence will be submitted as soon as possible.

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a bona fide response to all outstanding objections and rejections.

Applicants also believe that this application is in condition for immediate allowance. However, should any issue(s) of a minor nature remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at telephone number (212) 808-0700 so that the issue(s) might be promptly resolved.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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